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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/798,166	Applicant(s) DOMINIQUE ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable by Hamabe (6,963,753).

As to claim 1, Hamabe discloses a method comprising the steps of:

receiving a pilot signal (column 9, lines 9-11);

framing the pilot signal into sequential frames each of a predetermined length from the received pilot signal (column 9, lines 33-36);

comparing at least one frame with a known frame pattern of the pilot signal (column 3, lines 57-62);

developing an error signal from the comparison step, wherein the error signal is used to control transmission of the pilot signal (column 3, lines 57-67).

As to claim 2, Hamabe discloses the method of claim 1 wherein the error signal comprises a step-up signal that is transmitted to increase an E_{b/N_0} power level of the pilot signal when the comparison step indicates that the at least one frame is different than the known pilot frame pattern, and a step-down signal that is transmitted to decrease the E_{b/N_0} power level of the pilot signal when the comparison

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step indicates that the at least one frame is the same as the known pilot frame pattern (column 3, lines 57-67).

As to claim 3, Hamabe discloses the method of claim 2 wherein the step up and step down signals are transmitted to increase and decrease the $E_{sub.b}/N_{sub.0}$ power level of the pilot signal so as maintain a predetermined frame error rate on the sequential frames of the received pilot signal (column 7, lines 4-7).

As to claim 4, Hamabe discloses the method of claim 3 wherein the predetermined length of the frames of the framed pilot signal is chosen so that the predetermined frame error rate on the sequential frames of the received pilot signal is associated with a constant predetermined frame error rate of a received fundamental channel regardless of the installation scenario between a location from which the pilot signal is being transmitted and a location at which the pilot signal is being received (column 9, lines 44-53).

As to claim 5, Hamabe discloses the method of claim 1 wherein the error signal indicates a degree of mismatch between the framed pilot signal and the known pilot pattern and represents a measure of an uplink signal quality (columns 1-2, lines 67-1).

As to claim 6, Hamabe discloses the method of claim 5 wherein the magnitude of the error signal is used to determine whether communication should continue or should be discontinued (column 11, lines 38-43).


Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles Ehne whose telephone number is (571)-272-2471. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Beausoliel can be reached on (571)-272-3645. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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